

**THE POCAHONTAS TIMES**

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There is not much doing, political speaking. Some think that is a good thing, but others claim that the new administration has not fulfilled its undertakings and are complaining about it. The President is out with a statement showing progress. But the trouble with it all is that nobody knows what effect new things will have upon the welfare of the country.

The country as a whole is in the moulding period and is not very active. It is in the process of shedding the accumulations of past years and owing to the decrease in values what one man loses another does not gain. It is a general marking off of paper profits and it may be for the good of the country in the long run. It is a blessing that the crops are good. The corn crop is just about the biggest that was ever seen and corn is king in the United States. It means that many cattle will be wintered. In a scarce year they would have been destroyed and it is important that the live stock holdings be built up for the United States has had to import much meat. No body should starve this year. People take the same sensible view of the food situation as did the young princess who said she did not see any sense in persons starving—she would eat bread and cheese before she would starve.

The only solution that we can see to the unemployment of working men is to create a system of public works sufficient to engage every able bodied man who is willing to work. As it happens roads are badly needed and that one item alone should take care of all surplus labor of a hundred years ago. The Roman Empire was forced to build roads for the purpose of keeping the working men busy and that government built thousands of miles of paved roads in a day when there was no use for them other than to march on, or to carry rich persons litters. These litters were luxurious affairs in which the passenger reclined at his ease and could read and write while being carried forward at a swift pace by picked and trained teams of eight men to the litter, who trotted along very cheerfully.

Now there are automobiles and there must be roads to accommodate them. The automobile is the greatest economic blessing of the age. It keeps men busy.

In some countries they have the unemployment does where they pay men for being idle. This is a frantic effort to keep the population in cities. It is highly important to force men back to the country when the cities become too large for the country which supports them. And roads and automobiles make the operation of weaning men from city life comparatively painless.

It is not likely that any one now living will ever see extraordinary high wages again. The laboring men of the country had it and could not keep it. They deprived themselves of great incomes at the request of their esteemed employers. The employer is the one who does the thinking for himself and his men, and the men are always at the service of the boss. They vote as he requests them to vote. And they laid down their livings because they were asked to do so.

The League of Nations is now in session and pretty soon a sort of offshoot of the League of Nations called the disarmament council is to meet in Washington, to see if they can agree to lay down arms and go to work at peaceful pursuits. Hughes, Root, Lodge, and Underwood are to be our representatives. They are able men but each and every one is a politician, and a politician has been described as a man who would circumvent God. They potter around and do nothing. They believe that if they put off answering a letter for a month that it is a wise system, for by that time the letter will not need any answering.

Swift tells of one politician who had been working for eight years upon a project for extracting sunbeams out of cucumbers, which were to be put into vials hermetically sealed, and let out to warm the air in raw inclement summers.

When one remembers that the cost of one battleship would cover the State of West Virginia with roads, it is time to express a fervent wish and hope that the board will decide to do without battleships.

In the old days, wars were often settled by one man on a side fighting out the quarrel. This was the case in the warfare of Greeks and Trojans, of Jews and Philistines, and of Vandals and Alans. Heroes came forth from the two sides and the result was taken to mark the powers of the opposing war-gods and decide the victory.

And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span, to-wit, nine feet and nine inches high.

And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are you come out to set your battle in array? am I not a Philistine, and ye servants of Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.

If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants; but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.

And the Philistine drew near morning and evening and presented himself forty days.

And David intimated unto the king that every man has his gifts and he refused to take armor and sword but went forth against the Philistine with a sling and five smooth stones from the brook, and the sling proved to be an equalizer, and David smote Goliath in the forehead with a stone, and Goliath fell upon his face upon the earth, and David did not do a thing unto him save to cut off his head and bring it into camp.

And for some time in the middle

ages it was the custom to require the princes to fight out any war between themselves and not require the common people to expose themselves to the slaughter.

This day and generation may not be able to reduce war to a combat between two men, but it is certainly going to agree that hereafter when there has to be fighting to be done that it must be done by much smaller armies and navies than were recently deemed essential.

What the meeting in Washington is going to do could have been better settled by the League of Nations, but that is a matter of opinion. The great point is that they are going to meet to talk it over, and the old saying is that a woman or castle that parleys is about to surrender.

The late war in West Virginia has smoothed his wrinkled front and when they set out to count the dead and wounded they did not find any. One old soldier who had fought in the Philippines said that when the natives had an insurrection that they were very apt to come in sight of a mountain and stop a long way off and fire at the mountain and not at any body. And this kind of warfare was called the combat formal. It was not dangerous to anyone.

The troops have been mostly sent home and proceedings are on foot to prosecute certain members of the army of the mine broke out many airplanes were sent over the mountains to take part in the hostilities and this county was on or near the line of travel and it was a common sight to see them high in the air on their way to the front. And the first news that we had that the war was over was the fact that many of these airplanes were being sent east again.

As it happened, the mountains gave birth to some squally weather just in time to interfere with the safe passage of the air men. This is the incunabula of storms and as Mr. Kipling remarks: "If one intrudes on the Heavens when they are balancing their volt accounts; if one disturbs the High Gods' market-rates by hurling steel hulls at ninety knots across tremblingly adjusted electric tensions, one must not complain of any rudeness in the reception."

And when you come to think about it, birds are rarely seen in the air when there is a great wind.

Wild geese come down when the weather is not right for them, and that is what the airplanes had to do on Saturday a week ago, when a powerful wind, rain, and thunder storm raged in these mountains.

The rain was very welcome for this county has been on the ragged edge of disaster the whole year on account of the drought. On that Saturday springs were lower and weaker here than they had been for just forty years and the river was foul.

But it did not suit the navigation of the air. The airplanes "buffeted right and left by laterals like the pinions of angry angels," looked for landing places and were happy to find them. One came down in a field in Greenbrier County and was safe and there rode out the storm and went on her way next day rejoicing. A man came by and told the soldiers that he had a good field some miles away that they were welcome to alight in any time that they might be passing that way, but the aviator told him rather rudely that Uncle Sam's aircraft came down on anybody they damned pleased. That is probably true in the main, but on that stormy Saturday it would have been more correct to say that they came down any where that they could.

The air is pitted, elastic, charged with krypton vapours that are dangerous to disturb. The air pits badly, with blowouts, vortices, and laterals, that can whirl a most powerful machine about like a leaf in a whirlwind. Living as we do in the shelter of the hills we give no thought to the tumult of the air a mile or so over our heads. Once about forty years ago the tip of a cyclone reached down and drew a line a quarter of a mile wide on the mountain tops the whole length of the county and in that strip not a tree was left standing, and the sign of its fury is to be seen today though none knew at the time that the gash had been cut in the forest.

There are holes in the air. In these spaces the air seems to be lacking. Anyway it is so thin that the propellers cannot bite on it, and that seems to have been what happened to the plane that fell on the head of Twenty Mile creek in Nicholas county bringing death to four of the five brave men of the crew. The airship went into a place where there seemed to be nothing to support it and dropped to the earth and the place could not be found for two days.

There are two reports from the head of Elk River that lack confirmation. The first was that on the breaking out of the Mingo war, an airplane was seen to cross Elk Mountain close down with soldiers sitting on the wings. And the other was that on Saturday after the war that a great airplane came out of the will-wa to the sod on the top of Elk Knob and roosted there all night like a great bird.

The only fatalities in the war there are those caused by the elements. A thunderstorm in the mountains is dangerous to airships. The air men respect the mountains and do not navigate over them when the conditions are unfavorable if they can read the signs aright.

Some airmen dropped in unexpected in the Levels as the saying is. Out of the clouds and darkness of the Cranberry bog country a machine with a wing spread of ninety feet swooped down Stamping Creek and turned like a bird and alighted in the fields on the M. J. McNeel place, which by the way is the old John McNeel clearing, one of the oldest in the State of West Virginia. It was not for us earth bound souls to cross-examine the daring men of the air, but we will always wonder if the pilot picked out that ideal landing of was he just cast there by the storm. If he had picked the State over he could not have found a better place to land.

These army men had seen the companion plane fall but they probably

considered that such is war, for after enjoying the hospitality of the Levels over night, they winged their way out of there by the gap at the end of Droop Mountain and were seen no more.

The Pocahontas jurymen were much pleased with their trip to Mingo County. They found Williamson to be a fine city and they were treated with great kindness and politeness. Forty-two of the forty-six were examined on the voir-dire, which means that they were sworn to answer questions, and from that forty-two, twenty men were chosen to make up the panel to inquire into the indictment charging murder of a detective. Four jurors were left over unexamined when the list was made up. A reporter to a daily paper says that it is the custom in Mingo county to place twenty men in the box from which a jury of twelve is selected. That Mingo custom is good, when it is one of the most binding laws of the land that twenty men are to be listed, and from that list the state is to strike two and the defendant, six names.

The city of Williamson was quiet and there was nothing unusual about the place except that men did not gather in groups in the streets but kept moving about their lawful occupations. There were a number of State policemen in uniforms and some of the new militia, and right in front of the court house was a big car with seven men in it who looked peaceful, but the impression was made that in case of a hurry call that the car could move off to any point with great speed and expedition.

When the twelve men had been selected the court kept them for the purposes of the trial and two other jurors to be used in the case of an emergency and sent thirty-two men back to Pocahontas county to be at the call of the court anytime during the term, the Judge saying that there might be one chance in a hundred that they would be recalled to Williamson.

The counsel for the defendants were insistent to know if the jury had been drawn fairly and with a strict observance of the law. No question about that. The officials here do not try any short cuts and there has never been any suspicion aroused by the conduct of the courts in this county. It is a land of steady habits and we attend to our public duties seriously, and we are not subject to hysteria in the court house. And while a good many of our officials from time to time have not proved themselves to be supermen, yet at the same time this county has never elevated a crook to office.

In the drawing of the Mingo jury there was one thing that made it a case in which the law of chance was to be strictly observed, and that was that the greatest of care was to be taken for it did not suit any of our busy men to go to that far country to attend to court duties. Therefore it was like the draft, where it was speedily realized that if a man dropped out of his turn that it meant that the burden fell upon some other county man. And that was the case here. No man was to be called upon to go to Mingo, except when the lot fell upon him by a most careful drawing.

During the time that our men were there, a case of Mingo justice occurred. One night a negro assaulted a young white child, and within twenty-four hours the criminal had been indicted, tried, and sentenced to be hung.

Everything comes to him who waits long enough. For twenty-odd years this town has been praying for a lot sale so that there would be some interest in life to the people who lived here. It was like a lot of boys shut up in the barn on a rainy day with nothing to trade. This large town has been built by men who had to go through the painful process of getting a lot every now and then from a land company that parted with land like it was as precious as their life's blood. Last week some hundreds of lots were thrown on the market during a three day's auction and now there are all sorts of places for habitations to spring up and the next deal of activity in this town. The sellers last week realized a good many thousand dollars on the sale and we venture the opinion that they will find that the result of the sale will be that what they have left is worth more than all their holdings before the sale. We are not so particular about the town getting so much bigger, but it always did gall us to think that a land company held a monopoly of the building land and that it did not know or care enough to make use of it. Hereafter people ought to be able to get up a lot trade as easily as they trade horses.

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Miss Alice was one of nine children born to Samuel T. and Annie Lewis Clark. Her father was for many years a deacon in Oak Grove Presbyterian church and her mother died in the faith, and when she made a profession of her faith in Christ she united with the church of her parents October 25, 1896.

Almost all her life she belonged to that most useful band of self-sacrificing servants of the public, the teaching fraternity. She literally wore her life out in this calling, teaching when her strength was insufficient, and yet never abating one whit of the energy that characterized her years of sound health. She had already perfected plans to take charge of a school the coming winter when death ended all her earthly pursuits.

Miss Alice was very quiet and retiring in her tastes and habits but yet the fact that she had taught so much gave her a scope of influence that will be felt for many years on the great number whom she had trained in the school room and who have been taught to value the ideals of life which she inculcated. Out of the school room she loved her home and the domestic duties it involved and the opportunity which it gave her for reading, of which she was very fond. Her most intimate friends and relations alone, perhaps, were able to look beneath the exterior of reserve and modesty and appreciate at their true value the qualities of mind and heart that were hers. To them the tenderness and devoted affection which she bestowed upon a mother who was a semi-invalid for many years before her death will always shine out conspicuously in their memory of her. Thus, to them she seemed to fit into the home that they occupied together and become a very part of it. They will miss her from these earthly walks, but the Bible which she had so well worn has pointed her to the heavenly places in Christ and that is far better. "Behold, I come quickly and my reward is with me." J. C. J.

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**HEALTH EDUCATION**

Any program for the eradication of human contact disease, such as tuberculosis, syphilis, and gonococcus infection, which are so difficult of prompt recognition, so insidious in their onset and methods of transmission, and so successful in their development of carriers, must include education as one of its outstanding features.

It is just as reasonable and practicable for the community to plan twenty years into the future in a campaign against disease, as it is to plan a thousand miles of new paved road, or commodious buildings to house our public officials. Our public officials are very alert when the dollar mark appears, and are very vehement in their declarations to save the public purse and protect human life from immediate danger. The barriers which will protect us from disease twenty years from now are given little attention. We refer to sex education, right methods of thought, religious and ethical training and adequate environmental protection against exposure.

If such means and measures have their greatest influence, work must be begun in early childhood and continued until the individuals concerned are fully established in homes of their own as adult citizens. The task of promoting this phase of preventive measures must eventually fall to the trained educators, although all public and health officials can be of very great assistance.

—U. S. Public Health Service.

**Cra Healing Springs, Va.**  
September 5, 1921.

In an issue of The Times eight years ago I stated that the principal productive crop of this locality was water—mineral water—and a second trip with observations haven't worked any changes in crop relations.

Nearly every Pocahontas resident is familiar with the trip to Ronceverte, and practically every mother's son and daughter of them is well aware of the fact that Ronceverte is comparable to a hive of bees; they sting and one gets stung wherever you go, and get stung badly. The marked difference in bees and Ronceverte is that bees have drones—they don't work—while Ronceverters all work—work on the stop overs to perfection.

Referring to colored folks, they are not supposed to be very fast workers and their movements are generally hindered, by indolence, but on the tedious eastbound as the crest of the Alleghany has been crossed to Alleghany, Virginia, it is wonderful how quick they become in getting into the Jim Crow cars as per the Virginia law in segregation. Their flight reminded one of the troop units going to the front in the W. Va. mine war while the negroes moved to the front under the Virginia law.

The railroad officials at Clifton Forge must be members of the haymaker's union from the way they pitched passengers into overcrowded passenger cars. Strap hangers on street cars are no comparison to the conditions on the James River Division. A passenger car generally accommodates perhaps fifty persons but under the able management of the Clifton Forge "higher-ups" a car will hold 250 persons at a time with always room at the top.

A more delightful spot for recreation and water drinking cannot be found to equal Craig Springs. Located up in the Alleghany mountain adjoining Monroe county, it is an ideal spot. At the crest of the human wave some 500 people were accommodated at one time this year, but now the crop has dwindled down to about fifty. During the month of August the hotel register recorded arrivals as far south as Miami, Fla., while Chicago was the most northern point registering. The accommodations are good, food ample, cottages and hotel rooms suiting all tastes, and the rates are above zero and upward to—

Tell the Pocahontas boys who got the Mingo draft order not to pick a

**REPUBLICANS DENOUNCE TAX BILL**

Here is an extract from the speech of Representative Oscar E. Keller (Rep., Minn.)

"With the Nation in the midst of the severest financial depression of history; with thousands of factories closed; with freight cars idle; with farm produce rotting in the fields because prices will not defray the cost of transportation; with bank failures and bankruptcies increasing; and, most serious of all, with 6,735,000 men unemployed as winter approaches, I want to protest against the hasty passage of an unscientific, illy-conceived, privilege-written revenue bill, which is going to still further depress the purchasing power of the people by imposing upon small producers and consumers an additional burden of \$600,000,000, which has been lifted from 5,000 millionaires will be able to pay it out of their war profits."

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Administrator of William Malcomb, deceased.

**NOTICE**

My son, Robert Combs, has left home without cause. I hereby notify the public not to harbor or credit him as I will not be responsible for any debts he may make.

F. C. Combs.  
Sept 9, 1921. Rimel, W. Va.

**DINNER AT BEAULAH CHURCH**

The ladies will serve dinner at Beulah church in Highland county, Thursday Sept. 22, from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. Will also sell ice cream and lemonade. Dinner 50c; ice cream 10c; ice cream and cake 15c, lemonade 6c.

**DOG LOST:** I will give \$5.00 for the return, dead or alive, of my dog which left home on August 23rd. Young black shepherd, with collar; white ring around neck, white breast and white tip on tail.

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